

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tetsuya NISHI, et al.

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Group Art Unit:

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For: POLARIZATION CONTROL OPTICAL SPACE SWITCH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ADD claims ²³⁻³¹~~34-42~~ as follows:

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(NEW) A polarization control optical space switch comprising:

a plurality of polarization control optical switches cascaded together;

wherein each polarization control optical switch includes:

a polarization controller that is capable of changing the

polarization of light incident thereon by one of applying voltage thereto and not applying

voltage thereto;

an element to change the optical path of light from said

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